

Six-Day Race Starts To-night At the Garden

Fifteen Teams to Battle in
Grind—Governor-Elect
to Fire Gun

The twenty-sixth annual six-day race which starts to-night in Madison Square Garden will be the first real international race held in five years. The world's war kept away the leading foreigners during the last four years, but at one minute after 12 o'clock to-night Governor-elect Alfred E. Smith will pull the trigger that will start sixteen teams representing the cream of the world in cycling racing.

These speed demons represent the United States, Canada, France, Italy, England, Belgium, Switzerland and Australia. Never before have so many classy riders been entered, and never in the history of the six-day classic have the combinations been so well teamed and so well matched.

In accepting entries the committee used great care as to the physical condition of the men. Dr. Frederick L. Flynn put the entrants through a more rigorous examination than is necessary in the army. Dr. Flynn said he never looked over more perfect athletes. He was particularly impressed with the French riders who have been battling the Boche.

Several New Faces

There are a number of new faces in this year's grind. Gus Lang, who annexed the amateur title last season, is making his debut with Lloyd Byron, the amateur champion of Australia, as a partner. This is considered the "dark-horse" team of the race. Reggie McNamara is back again this year, with Jake Magin as a partner. McNamara is known as the "Iron Man," who suffered an injury a week prior to last year's event and was compelled to stay out. Magin, his team-mate, shared the winning honors with Goulet last year.

Frank Kramer is back again, as the others will find out when the sprints are on. The seventeen-time world's champion wants to win this race and then retire. He requested to be teamed with Marcel Dupuy, the French whirlwind, and there never was a greater combination of speed in a six-day grind.

The newest sensation is Henri Gerwig, fresh from the battlefields of Picardy and Flanders. When not carrying dispatches riding through barbed wire, Gerwig during the rest periods has been defeating the best in Europe in sprint and long distance races in the velodrome in Paris. He has been teamed with Willie Kaller, the greatest plunger in the East.

Bob Spears is with us again, and so are Verri and Madonna, the noted Italian speed merchants. The French system of scoring points in sprints will be elaborated upon. There will be two hours of continual sprinting every afternoon, and at night the teams will be fighting it out for points for three hours. Veterans of the six-day game predict a new record.

The Garden will open about 8 o'clock to-night and the early comers will be entertained by a concert and other musical features.

N. Y. A. C. to Hold First Service Meet Thursday, Dec. 19

The first of a series of track and field meets for service men will be promoted by the New York Athletic Club at the 22d Regiment on the evening of Thursday, December 19. It is planned by the club committee to hold these meetings twice a month. The club also has arranged events for the schoolboys, amateur athletes and men in the National Guard. A total of eleven events are scheduled as follows:

Closed to Army and Navy—Medicine ball contest (twenty-men teams); one-mile novice relay race (eight-man teams); standing broad jump competition (five-man teams, novices); 300-yard run (athletic costume); one-mile run, handicap (athletic costume).
Open to registered athletes—75-yard run (handicap); three-quarter-mile run (handicap); two mile run (handicap); one-mile walk (handicap).
Open to high schools—600-yard run (novice).
Open to 22d Regiment Engineers—600-yard run (handicap).

Montreal Athletes Wake Up
The Montreal Amateur Athletic association is the first of the big Canadian sport organizations to announce return to competitive activity with the successful conclusion of the war. Hockey, lacrosse and rugby football teams will be formed at once.

Teams Entered in Six-Day Grind

AUSTRALIAN TEAM
Spears and Grenda
U. S. NAVY-BELGIAN TEAM
Carman and De Baets
AMERICAN-AUSTRALIAN TEAM
Corry and Madden
AMATEUR TEAM
Lang and Byron
NEWARK TEAM
Kopsky and Coburn
MARINE BOAT CORPORATION TEAM
Grimm and Thomas
CALIFORNIA TEAM
Hanley and Lawrence
NEW YORK TEAM
Chapman and Wiley
ITALIAN TEAM
Madonna and Bello
UNIONE SPORTIVA ITALIANA
Verri and Drobach
AMERICAN TEAM
McNamara and Magin
AMERICAN-FRENCH TEAM
Kramer and Dupuy
JERSEY TEAM
Weber and Eaton
LONG ISLAND TEAM
Bowker Brothers
ALLIED TEAM
Gerwig and Keller

Among the Starters In the Six-Day Bicycle Race Which Begins at Midnight at the Garden



DUSTING 'EM OFF BY W. J. MACBETH

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Reflection of a Sage

How temperamental those artists! Galli-Curci expected her husband to work.

Mendacious Mike Opines That—

There is many a slip 'twixt debut and farewell.

Sandbag Story

Butter 90 cents the pound; eggs ditto the dozen.

Ready for the Pistol

Having had one or two Bolshevik rehearsals at the Garden, let the six-day bike race proceed.

Virtue Has Its Reward

Now that Bill has officially abdicated, Ban may proceed with the work of drafting the schedules.

Eeny, Meeny, Miney Mo!

National Leaguers are looking for a man of capacity to head the parent organization next year. Should try the old pin game on the list of national commissioners.

Frank Navin an Optimist

Frank Navin, president of the Detroit Tigers, has already made tentative plans for a spring training trip. Navin must have some good assurance that his team—Tyrus Raymond Cobb—is soon to be discharged from the American army.

Lay of the Last Trencherman

I would not hurt a living thing.

However weak or small;

The Frazees and the Hempsheads, too—

Our Father made them all.

—Bull Elk.

Doubtless

Looks as if Peruvian bark is worse than the bite.

Echoes of the War

Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, one of the finest artificial ice skating rinks on the continent, will be closed to patrons this winter. The building has been leased to next July as a barracks for Carnegie Tech's student soldiers. Official notice has been served to patrons to remove skates checked there last winter. As we understand it, the management of Duquesne Garden does not intend to skate on thin ice. "Skates" will not be officially recognized after July.

Have Mr. Taft Handcuffed

LOOKS as if the boys who run organized baseball, have succeeded in throwing William Howard Taft into the discard. The former President of the United States, in an interview given out at Dayton, Ohio, yesterday, declared he would under no circumstances accept the position of baseball commissioner for the two major leagues, for which office he had been suggested.

Baseball may well deplore its loss, for the name of Mr. Taft would have proven a great bulwark in a time of serious doubt. But Mr. Taft is to be congratulated on the wisdom of his decision. Till the game is rid of the barnacles that infest it, it is reasonable to suppose that instead of elevating the national pastime to his pedestal the drag might have smirched the fair name of Mr. Taft.

Baseball history is replete with the "boners" of those in control of the sport. No more damaging brief could be drawn against the autocrats, marked for slaughter, than the mouthing nothings they emitted.

City College Soccer

Eleven Badly Beaten

Trying themselves out against the team of the Crescent Athletic Club, former champions of the Field Club League, the soccer players of the College of the City of New York met more than their match at Bay Ridge yesterday afternoon, and suffered defeat to the tune of 7 goals to 0.

The Crescents demonstrated their superiority from the start, scoring four goals in the first period of play and three more in the second. Van der Wolf and Waters each shot three goals, the seventh being contributed by MacPhee, the Bensonhurst forward, who played with the Crescents. The return game will be played at the City College Stadium next Saturday.

Manual High School

Plans Meet for "Fund"

The Manual Training High School Athletic Association will conduct its annual games at the 14th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, next Saturday night for the benefit of the United War Work Fund. Jack Eller, veteran hurdler, will perform for the first time since his return from overseas as a Y. M. C. A. instructor. He will give an exhibition at his specialty, the 100 yards.

Other features will be a "Firemen's Carry Relay," and a relay race for Boy Scouts. An event always looked forward to by other teams of the greater city is the interscholastic football relay championship. Only members of football teams are eligible for this contest. Four men will compose a team.

Great Lakes Sailors

To Box in London

Eight boxers, mostly from the Great Lakes Naval Training station, who are to compete in the international boxing contests to be staged in London for the King's cup, Dec. 11 and 12, are on their way to England.

Among the fresh water sailors are Pal Moore, Ritchie Mitchell, Billy Whalen, Cal Delaney, Otis Bryant, Danny O'Keefe, Andre Anderson and Jack Heinen.

Golf to Boom—Ouimet

Lieutenant Francis Ouimet thinks golf is due for its biggest year in 1919. With all the new faces and the old boys keener than ever to get into the game seriously again, after being more or less shut up since the war began, 1919 shapes up to him as the banner year in the history of the royal and ancient game.

at the suggestion of a man of Mr. Taft's calibre for the most important office of the sport. Johnson and Herrmann had the chance to prove themselves big men. They heaped obstacles against the suggestion of Mr. Taft. Certain it is, for the time at least, they seem to have eliminated him. But how about the day of reckoning? Will the public stand for the rough work, even if the operators are content to remain dumb?

Griffith Suggests Reforms

AND speaking of organized baseball, Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Senators, is prepared to suggest to the big leagues a number of reforms which, on the face of them, appear timely and worthy of deep reflection. These reforms are to build around the three principal rules of the fundamental government of the game—the reserve rule, the draft rule and the waiver rule.

The old Fox advocates the prohibition of purchase or sale of major players, except by the waiver route; that waivers cannot be recalled; that the clubs work under a close player limit; that all minor league players shall be eligible to draft; that no club be allowed to trade a player; that the waiver price of players in same classification be the same amount; that clubs of the same class only shall have the privilege of exercising waiver rights on a player with whose services a club wishes to dispense.

Elsewhere in these columns the Griffith ideas are elaborated upon in detail. They are radical, indeed, but worthy of deep thought. Certainly reforms are needed. And Griffith's suggestions appear, at least, the best solution to various vexing problems advanced so far.

Loft Still Enthusiastic

GEORGE W. LOFT, who has shipped his racing stable to Havana, Cuba, for the winter meeting, has great faith in the future of the American turf. A few days ago at Bowie Mr. Loft tried ineffectually to purchase the two-year-old colt, Dunboyne, winner of the 1918 Futurity, from P. A. Clark, of Boston. An offer of \$40,000, the highest price named for a two-year-old in many years, was spurned.

Which would indicate, also, of course, that Mr. Clark is reasonably assured as to the immediate outlook for the thoroughbred sport.

Fitzgerald Leaves for Havana

Chris J. Fitzgerald, who will act as chief steward of the one hundred days' racing meeting at Oriental Park, near Havana, Cuba, beginning next Saturday, will leave for the island to-day with a coterie of assistants, in order to prepare the way for the big opening.

Fitz declared yesterday that there would be close to a thousand thoroughbreds in training on the island this winter, more than half of these having just been shipped from Latonia and Bowie.

The Havana meeting was postponed for one week because of the fact that Latonia, shut off by the epidemic of influenza at the start, extended its meeting to cover the dates. The Cuban promoters intend to extend their meeting to make up this loss. At least one hundred days of racing will be presented there. If the sport proves as popular as now anticipated the meeting may even be extended over that limit.

Five Soccer Games

Slated for To-day

Five capital matches of soccer football, all in the second round of the national championships, are carded for the metropolitan district to-day. Three are in New Jersey and two in New York City. Two, that are also interstate matches, are of unusual promise.

Merchant Ship F. C. Team B, of Harriman, Penn., clashes with Federal Ship A. A. F. C. of Newark, at Clark's Field, East Newark, at 2:30 p. m., with William Russell refereeing. At Todd's Field, Brooklyn, at the same hour, Bridgeport City A. F. C. meets Robins Dry Dock F. C., with George Caldicott, of Woodhaven, L. I., handling the whistle.

Two are morning games, the New York Chinese Students' F. C. meeting Morse Dry Dock F. C. at Lenox Oval, 145th Street and Lenox Avenue, at 11 a. m., with C. Stott, of Brooklyn, as referee. Scottish-American F. C., of East Newark, and Tietjen & Lang Dry Dock F. C., of Hoboken, come together at the same hour on Clark's Field, with William Rowley, of East Newark, as arbiter.

Cavanaugh's Battery Did Some Good Work On the Firing Line

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 30.—Major Thomas F. Murphy, of Dorchester, just back from France, speaks glowingly of Captain Frank W. Cavanaugh, Battery E, 102d Field Artillery, famous Dartmouth football coach.

"Why, 'Cav's' battery was wonderful," exclaimed the major. "He had that near-perfect teamwork in his guns that he had in his eleven. He handled his artillerymen just as he handled his football players. They thought there never was another captain like 'Cav' and he knew that there never had been another such battery as his."

"He was a master of football, you know, but he knew that artillery game just the same way. We got so we could tell 'Cav's' battery. When it came to laying down a barrage we'd say: 'There goes 'Cav's' battery' and sure enough, it would be 'Cav's' battery getting busy with the barrage. For they had a clear, effective style which was marvellous."

Boxing News and Notes

By FRED HAWTHORNE

If all managers of boxers were such careful and restrained chauffeurs of their typewriters as Jack Reddy, manager of Billy Miske, the St. Paul lightweight, it would be perfectly safe for sporting writers to walk the streets unarmed and without tin helmets beneath their derbies. But life would also be decidedly less interesting, because the lure of danger, always attractive to a BRAVE man, Aunt Elcanor Ann, would be removed and we just DOTE on danger. Every night, before we climb into the hay, we see ourselves: "Have we encountered danger to-day, and did we meet it with unflinching eyes?"

We are moved to this philosophical trend of thought by a letter just received from Mr. Reddy, in which he takes exception to our decision against Miske in the recent bout with Jack Dempsey at Philadelphia.

Instead of starting out with the presumption that anybody who decides against his fighter is non compos mentis (ah, what a gift we have for the dead languages!), Reddy argues the matter in a voice that is low-pitched, but with great carrying power. He writes:

"November 29, 1918.
"Mr. Fred Hawthorne, Sporting Department, Tribune.
"Dear Sir: I wish to take exception to the reports emanating from the Miske-Dempsey bout staged at Philadelphia on Thanksgiving afternoon. It appears very much that Miske's work was overlooked. Dempsey, as was expected, made a rushing fight of it from the start, but at no stage of the contest did he inflict any material damage on Billy. Miske, by his clever footwork and ducking, had Dempsey continually missing, and it was only in the clinches that Dempsey appeared to be doing his best work."

"Now, in behalf of Billy Miske and not from a management criticism, I think, as do many other fans who approached me after the bout, that due to the fact Miske had clearly outboxed Dempsey, and that at no time during the contest did Dempsey have Miske in any trouble, it only fair and just, after a careful analysis of the fight, that Miske be entitled to a shade."

"Of course, this may appear as a howl, it coming from one so close to Miske, but after hearing the various views of people who had witnessed the contest, I had to write this letter in all fairness to my boxer. Yours in sport, JACK REDDY."

We will admit that Miske outboxed Dempsey in a majority of the rounds. Had he not done so he would have been knocked out. It is the same proposition as a man monkeying with a buzz-saw. If he ducks and dances, fast enough to escape with his life, we would be inclined to think him a clever fellow—and a lucky one—but we would probably give the decision to the buzz-saw. As we have stated before, we believe that greater credit should go to Miske than to Dempsey, because a buzz-saw should always outfight a man, but we cannot escape the conviction that Miske would not have lasted ten rounds against Dempsey on Thanksgiving Day.

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